

Application Serial No. 10/002,049
Amendment dated June 23, 2004
Reply to final Office Action dated April 15, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 7-17 and 24 are currently pending. Claims 1-6, 10 and 18-23 have been cancelled.

Claims 7-9, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,419,305 issued to Hanley. Applicant has amended claim 7 to incorporate the limitations of claim 10 to overcome this rejection.

Claims 7-9, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,474,702 issued to Malone et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,540,767 issued to Siegel and further in view of Hanley. Applicant has amended claim 7 to incorporate the limitations of claim 10 to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner indicated that claims 10 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has incorporated the limitations of claim 15 into claim 7 to create new claim 24.

In view of the foregoing remarks given herein, applicant respectfully believes this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the claims. If the Examiner believes any detailed language of the claims requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

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Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fees are due. If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to deposit account no. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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